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SPORTS

GHS seals win vs. Buckley with 12-0 4th quarter run



The contest was tied at half-time, but Grayling sealed a 57-44 victory vs. the visiting Buckley Bears on Friday night with a 35-22 performance in the second half, including a 19-10 advantage in the final period. Grayling's fourth quarter effort included 12 unanswered points down the stretch.

"This was a good test of our strength inside. Ann, Abby, and Ashley all had great rebounding numbers. Ashley pulled down 18 boards, just four shy of our all-time school record. Ann and Teresa showed the ability to score with 21 and 17 points," Coach Kelly Sheehan said. "We are getting better with each game." 12A

JV girls win 41-11 vs. short-handed Bears



In its second game of the 2009-2010 season, the Grayling High School junior varsity girls basketball team defeated a short-handed Buckley Bears squad 41-11 on Friday night at GHS.

Buckley only had five players - no substitutes.

"The girls played a very solid game offensively and defensively," Coach Craig Hofman said. "Buckley was extremely short-handed with only five girls dressed and played very hard and gave a great effort. The girls did what had to be done and won a game they should win." 12A

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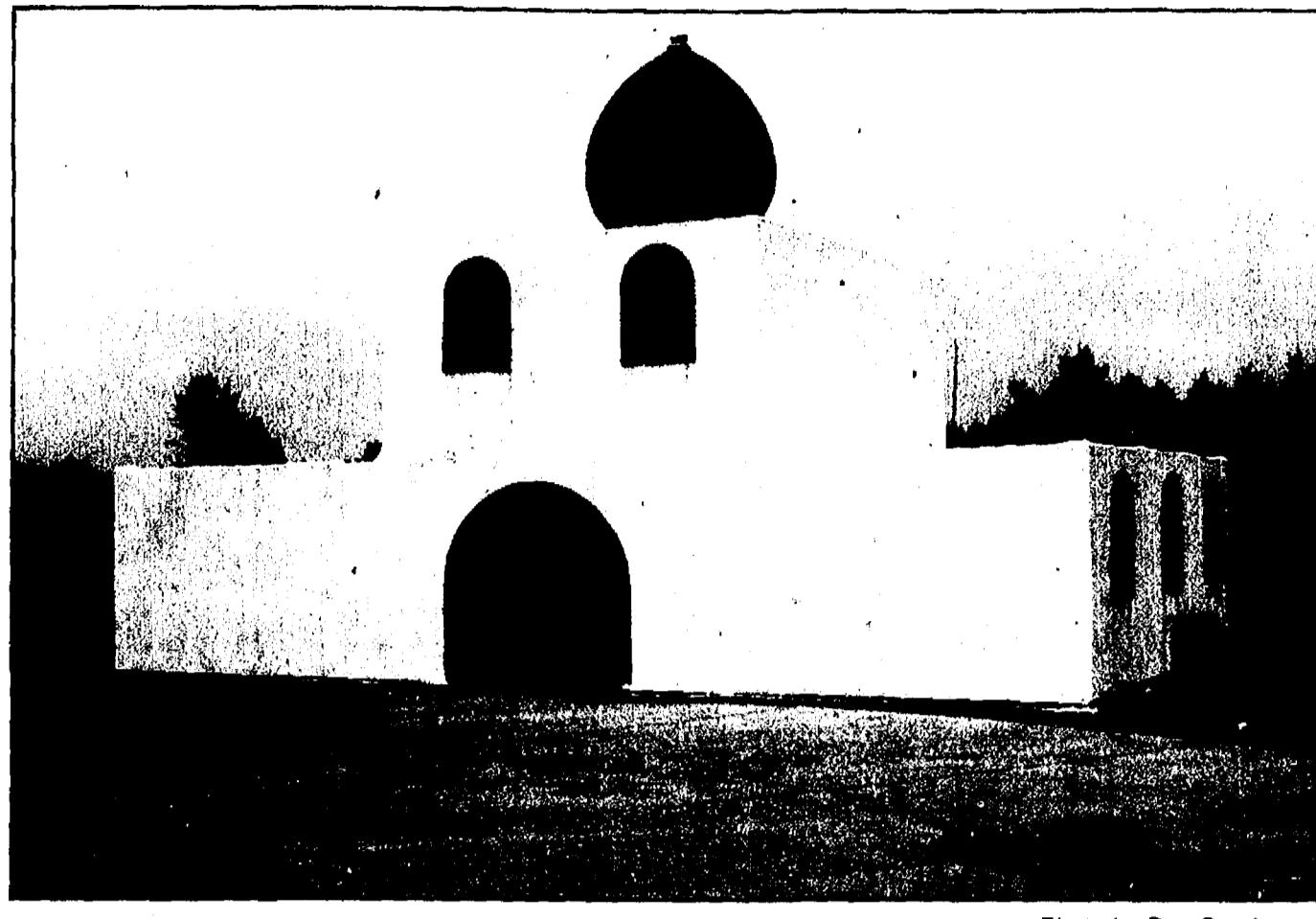


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Millions invested into Camp Grayling

Projects to provide realistic training for troops

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

While the U.S. Armed Forces are transitioning from their focus on terrorism in Iraq to Afghanistan, Camp Grayling is in the midst of over \$74 million in projects to better train soldier so they can bring them home safe to their families.

A total of 41 projects are underway or are scheduled to take place at Camp Grayling over the next two years.

"You can just look around and in just about every direction you can see construction going on," said Maj. Jim Robson, post engineer for Camp Grayling.

Funds for the military training site improvements are coming from four federal pots of money including Military Construction dollars, Sustainment Restoration and Maintenance funds and

Stimulus funds.

The Military Construction funds are being used to build an infantry squad battle course, urban assault course and live fire shoot house to simulate battle in urban environments.

"Conventional warfare and going through the fields and woods is something we haven't seen in decades," said Col. Ronald Latuszek, the Camp Grayling Post Commander. "Everything is in an urban environment."

An Operational Readiness Training Complex, where troops can stay and train year round, is also being built with the Military Construction funds. The complex includes a state of the art mess hall and storage areas and vaults where units can keep their weapons on site.

Brig. Gen. Jim Anderson, the

Assistant Adjutant General for the Michigan Army National Guard, said he was proud to see the new barracks being built that will replace the tent cities and cinder block tent barracks that Camp Grayling has been known for years.

"It's a kinder gentler Army," Anderson said.

A Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization training site, which is a mock Middle Eastern Village, has been built at Camp Grayling to help soldiers detect the number one killer of troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The site will also include a gaming room, where soldiers will be able to use simulators and computers to detect terrorist weapons before going to the course.

Anderson said that the urban

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Funding found for school liaison officer

Money will keep position through current school year

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

Crawford County and Crawford AuSable School District officials have found the funds to keep a school liaison officer in the schools through June.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield told the Crawford County Board of Commissioners last week that Deputy Chase Barnett would remain as the school liaison officer through the end of the school year.

In October, over a two week span, state lawmakers cut \$525,000 from the Crawford AuSable School District's budget.

School Superintendent Joe Powers contacted Crawford County Sheriff's Office officials to inform them that they could only fund their share of the school liaison officer's position through Oct. 31. After that, Powers said school officials were not confident they could help fund the position, but were open to discussing other options and possibilities.

Since the school district's annual budget started on July 1, it had already paid \$14,000 toward the school liaison position.

Over the past few weeks, school officials were able to commit \$10,100 in Safe and Drug Free School grant money to fund the position. Those funds, which come from federal government, have always been passed through to the sheriff's officer to fund the school liaison officer's position and the DARE programs in the schools.

"I'm extremely excited we're able to work out funding the liaison officer with the added help from the county commissioners," Powers said. "We look forward to continuing our exceptional relationship with the sheriff's department, which absolutely benefits our students."

Coupled with \$44,500 the county already budgeted for the position, along with an extra \$6,650 from the county, Barnett will be able to bond with students and address school issues until the end of the school

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Physician's poker winnings benefit needy for Christmas

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

A Grayling physician, who was dubbed "Dr. Bluff" by organizers of a recent card tournament, has used the winnings of a poker purse to perk up Christmas for needy in the community.

Dr. David LaGattuta, a Grayling OBG/YN, competed in the Heartland Poker Tournament at Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant on Nov. 21-22.

LaGattuta did not know anything about the tournament until the night before. His wife, Pamela, encouraged him to play in the tournament since she wanted to go Christmas shopping for the family in nearby Midland.

There were satellite tournaments with a \$360 buy in order to play for a seat in the Heartland Poker Tournament, but the LaGattutas made it to the casino too late to take part in that action.

Since LaGattuta still wanted to play in the tournament, he ponied up the full \$1,500 buy in fee plus \$150 for the house to compete.

LaGattuta made it through Saturday's competition, which obligated them to rent a hotel room for Sunday's action.

Promoters for the Heartland Poker Tournament called LaGattuta "Dr. Bluff" because he bluffed on his bets more often than he didn't.

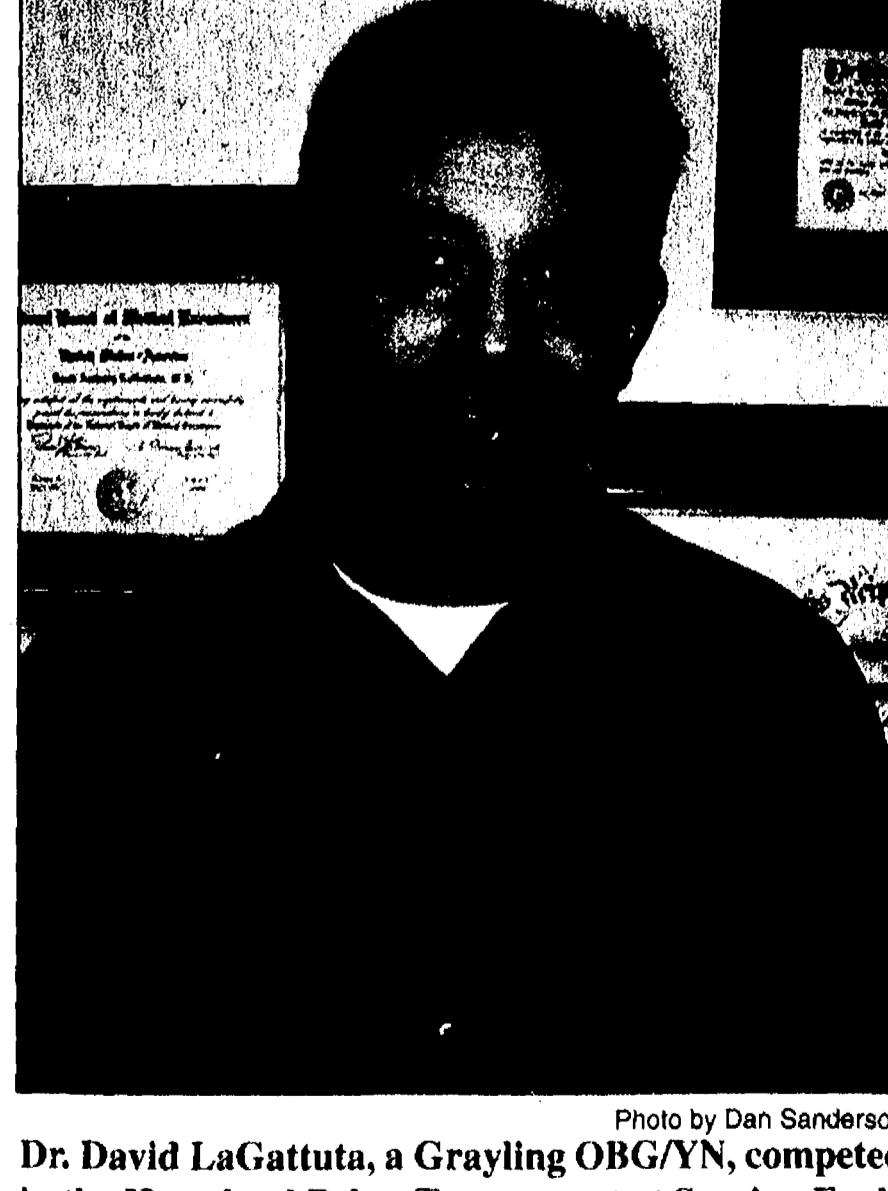


Photo by Dan Sanderson
Dr. David LaGattuta, a Grayling OBG/YN, competed in the Heartland Poker Tournament at Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant on Nov. 21-22. Above, LaGattuta ended up finishing fourth in the tournament, which had a purse of \$29,647.

On Sunday, LaGattuta had a New York Times crossword puzzle on hand to work on when the cards did not fall his way.

"In this tournament I played

very patiently," he said. "If I didn't have good cards, I would just fold and concentrate on the crossword puzzle."

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Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale underway

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

With lights a shining all red and all blue, Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies are helping bring Christmas to you.

The Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association Christmas tree sale got underway last week in the Grayling Kmart parking lot in order to provide a brighter holiday for some youngsters.

The 14th annual Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale has continued to grow in interest every year and has brought people from all over the State of Michigan, who either buy a tree or donate money to the program.

The association plans to sell approximately 200 trees, ranging in price from \$20 to \$40. Douglas fir and black hills spruce trees are \$40, blue spruce are \$35 and scotch trees are \$20.

Twenty-four inch wreaths are being sold for \$20, while a 48-inch wreath is available for \$40. Finally, smaller wreaths are available for \$12.

Most of the proceeds go towards the Cops for Kids program. The deputies will take kids shopping at the Grayling Kmart for much needed items, such as coats, mittens and hats, along with a couple of fun items for the children and their families.

Twenty-nine youngsters from 11 Crawford County families have already been selected to go on the shopping excursion.

"It's a rough time of year for families and we want to support the community and the less fortunate so they can have a better Christmas," said Theresa Andrews, chief See COPS FOR KIDS | 8A



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like training sites will allow troops to train and then review their actions with commanders.

"You can see on video however it plays out so you see what is happening rather than talking about what you think happened," he said. "That is as good as it gets."

Robson said trails would link the training sites, allowing each to be progressively challenging to soldiers to where they are using live weapons.

"There will be trails that go from here to there and when go there they'll be into live round mode and real action," Robson said.

Sustainment Restoration and Maintenance funds are being used to build a new Post Headquarters for Camp Grayling, improve communications by installing fiber optic cable and build a post classroom.

A new post classroom under construction will eventually will be large enough to house 400 to 500 soldiers for conferences and

will have separate areas for break out sessions.

Maj. Dawn Dancer, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, said the classroom would put Camp Grayling on par with other active Army and military bases.

"This is nice to be able to have a brick and mortar classroom where you can come in during the winter and do some bookwork-type instruction," Dancer said. "This is first for Camp Grayling."

Stimulus funds are being used to upgrade Camp Grayling's water and sewer systems. The post's electrical system will also be upgraded. An existing barracks is also receiving a facelift with heating and cooling systems so it can house soldiers year round.

Finally, roads and parking lots at Camp Grayling will be paved as the brunt of the construction is completed.

Dennis Fedorinichik, president of Hallmark Construction of Traverse

City, which was awarded the \$17 million bid for the Operational Readiness Training Complex, said the investment in Camp Grayling gave a much needed boost to contractors and subcontractors in the region and the state.

"The construction industry needed a shot in the arm and they got it from Camp Grayling," Fedorinichik said. "We were very fortunate."

Tours of Camp Grayling were made available last week the day after President Barack Obama announced that he was sending 30,000 troops to Afghanistan to continue fighting the global war on terrorism.

Anderson said with the investment into Camp Grayling, military officials now have what they call the "Jewel of the North" to prepare soldiers for their missions.

"The more realistic the training the better the soldiers will be prepared to do

their actual missions," he said.

Latuszek said he expects to host the same amount of soldiers for training in the upcoming years.

"We're going to be continuing the same business for probably the next eight to 10 years and we'll continue on the same pace. We've been averaging 25 two-week annual training periods per year," Latuszek said.

"We're giving these soldiers state of art training and the better training we can give them before they deploy, the more successful they're going to be on their missions."

Last week, Dancer said it was too soon to tell how many Michigan Army National Guard Troops and Airmen would be called upon to go to Afghanistan until requests make their way down federal and state channels.

"It will be weeks and months before it all trickles down," Dancer said.

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The charge stems from a break-in of a residence located in the 300 block of Chestnut Street in the City of Grayling.

A large amount of stolen property was located in Isenhauer's residence.

Grayling City Police Chief Doug Baum said the arrest clears up multiple cases, including some

break-ins of businesses in the city.

Baum credits alert citizens in assisting with the arrest. More charges are being requested from the Crawford County Prosecutor's Office.

In a separate complaint, Grayling Police, with the assistance from the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office, recovered stolen property from a Houghton Lake man that belonged to Mercy Hospital Grayling. The case is still under investigation and charges are expected, Baum said.



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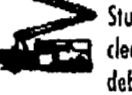
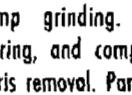
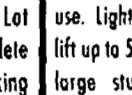
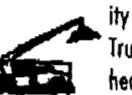
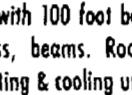
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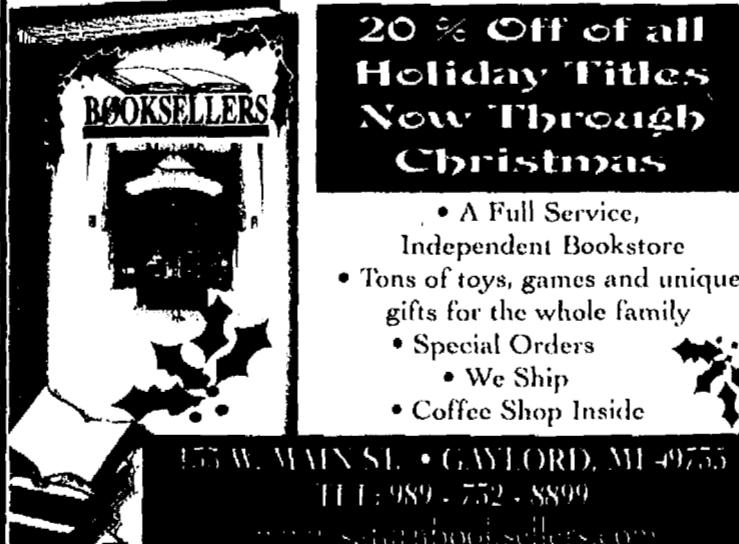
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Issues and Opinions

Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Price of progress can be steep



LET'S GET this essay into the books and over with before the genuine Christmas season of good will and glad tidings gets any closer.

Several columnists, writers, commentators and other thought-purveyors have gone on record claiming that the taste and morality of Americans are teetering on the brink of disaster, the point being that these days folks will do almost anything to gain public attention.

Two recent cases in point usually are cited.

One is the family which reported that their young son was aboard a runaway hot air balloon. He wasn't, of course. It was all part of a stunt to enhance the family's chances to get on some reality television show.

Another is the uninvited couple who somehow wiggled into a tightly screened formal presidential dinner at the White House and freely mingled with President Barack Obama and other high ranking world figures. Reportedly the wife was trying to enhance her

chances of being picked for a Washington-based reality TV show.

THEN THERE are the reality TV shows themselves, sometimes with "famous" people shouting insults at each other, sometimes overweight people vying to see how much weight they can lose during the run of a TV series, sometimes exploring the plights of couples with too many children and too much family stress.

Sometimes reality TV shows feature contestants with or without much talent who want to sing or dance before the world, with the winners hoping to make a lot of money and all of them hoping to win public notoriety.

Sometimes there are contests of some sort between couples or siblings or strangers to see which team can accomplish some sort of goal of speed or strength or durability.

These reality TV shows are much cheaper to put together with amateurs seeking fame or fortune replacing professionals, thus

becoming cut-rate entertainment.

After all, television is a business and profit is important.

IT NEVER USED to be like this, back in the good old days - before television.

Is television responsible for this gigantic decline in the level of what's important to the American people, forcing junk down the public throat, so to speak, and thus TV is leading public taste and morals.

Or are viewers demanding that TV respond to ever-evolving public tastes and standards, and TV is only giving the public what it wants, and thus is trailing public taste and morals?

It's probably a combination.

National or statewide daily newspapers are shrinking in size and influence, reducing staffs that provide the amount and breadth of content and coverage they once did.

General interest and respected news-oriented magazines, such as *Time* and *Newsweek*, are getting thinner. Some are disappearing

altogether, such as *Life*. Some are endangered such as *Readers Digest*. At the same time, the fame-oriented magazine *People*, which dotes on gossip and the famous and near-famous, get ever bigger.

Some 300 or so television channels are available today, and most American homes regularly receive at least 70 or 80.

Television is a highly competitive business, and viewers are free to pick and choose what they want.

Obviously many Americans want what they are getting ... or they wouldn't get it anymore.

IMAGINE THE dilemma and consternation in today's American home if television were not available, and instead 300 - or 70 or 80 - newspapers and the same number of magazines were dropped into their homes each day. That would be absurd, of course, but in essence that's what television does now.

People must choose where to find information and entertainment. With newspapers or magazines, you would have to read, which is much more difficult than the role of the TV who merely has to punch a button, sit, watch and listen.

So is television responsible for the direction American tastes and morals have taken and where they seem to be headed? There is little doubt that TV plays a defining role. If Americans want to be immersed in television junk, they will continue to be.

But that's only a point to pause in a continuing story.

Development and spread of the internet and all the ins and outs of both public and personal electronic communication add unimaginable dimensions.

Who can predict how the taste and morality of Americans will be influenced by e-communications?

Chances are that it won't be upward, but is that an acceptable price of progress?

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Letters to the Editor

Thieves on Seven Mile Road

To the editor:

This letter is to the thieves that steal tree stands on state land that they think belong to them.

At the start of gun season for whitetail I put up two stands on state land at Seven and King to hunt with orange markers to make other hunters aware for safety reasons and name tags for legal reasons in accordance with the DNR. The next day someone took the markers down. The next weekend

someone stole the stands that had chains and locks.

It's one thing to take markers, but to steal private property that has been legally put out to hunt is one of the reason why we as hunters receive negative reputations.

Also the illegal baiting that was discovered in the process of looking for the stands and the locations was given to the authorities.

Sid Martin
Grand Blanc

Make donations to the requested program

To the editor:

It has been brought to my attention that there have been memorial donations made to the Animal Shelter in Grayling in Dixie Lobsinger's name.

For reasons that I won't disclose, Dixie left her wishes in a letter that I read after her death, stating that she did not want donations be made to the shelter in her name. She instead requested they go to Otsego Friends for Life, which is a

non-profit low cost spay/neuter program.

So please, if you want to memorialize Dixie in any way, do so by donating to a cause she fully believed in.

You can contact Otsego Friends for Life by calling the Otsego Animal Shelter 989-705-7632, or by sending a donation to: Friends for Life, P.O. Box 1596, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Billie Jo Miller
Grayling

A good job ... almost

To the editor:

The rebuilding of the main road through the center of Grayling was certainly a major and expensive undertaking. It appears to be well done and was completed on schedule.

I do however, have one small complaint.

As I drive south through town in my not so new car, it goes ka-lunk ka-lunk as I pass over manhole covers, 25 percent of them are nice and level with the road but

the other 75 percent of them are not.

Seems to me if you can get some of the properly aligned with the road, why not all of them? I think they should come back and make the necessary corrections making all of them level with the road. MDOT, where are you?

Surely you are not going to overlook our ka-lunk problem.

Harry Wojcik
Grayling

Green and white are the school colors

To the editor:

I would like to respond to the letter concerning the so called "racism" with the Grayling Middle School basketball teams.

Just let me ask one question. Is that all people have to do is find something wrong with every little thing?

I coached middle school basketball in the 90s. At that time the squads were known as "A" and "B" squads and no one com-

plained about that.

I talked with middle school principal, Jeff Branch and was told that they changed to squads to "green" and "white" because they are the school colors. I certainly see nothing racist about that.

Most people feel that was a great idea, including myself.

The way school funding is these day, we had better be thankful the kids still

have the sports programs available to them.

Instead of always finding fault with every little thing, maybe we better support the kids more and be thankful that they're able to play.

Keep up the great job, Mr. Branch and the rest of the staff of the Crawford AuSable School District.

John Smock
Grayling

Historically Speaking



The 1944 Grayling High School Basketball team pictured above, back row (left to right): Coach "Butch" Cornell, Ed Carlson (3) George Schiable, Clyde Anthony and Richard Nelson; front row (left to right): Allan Stevenson (5), Benny Allen (9), Ted Bennett (4), Mike Brady (7) and Howard Hatfield (12).

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Briefs

School to have Breakfast with Santa

The Grayling Co-op Preschool will be having Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 8 a.m. - noon at the Grayling American Legion. The price will be \$5 per person or \$20 per family, under age 3 are free. Pictures with Santa will be taken. There will be a raffle for a 42" LCD HDTV and a silent auction will also be held.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will meet on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Grayling Township Hall. All are welcome.

Church to hold cookie sale

A Cookie Sale will be held at St. Mary's Family Center on Spruce St., on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

GHS hosts Kids Night Out

The GHS junior class will sponsor Kids Night Out on Friday, Dec. 11, from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Grayling High School. This is for children ages 5 - 12. Activities will include face painting, tattoos, batting cage, basketball, moon bounce, manicures, crafts, karaoke a G-rated movie and concessions. Register by Dec. 10 and pay only \$5 per child. Admission is \$7 at the door. For more information, call Teresa Bonamie at 344-3512.

GHS to host band concert

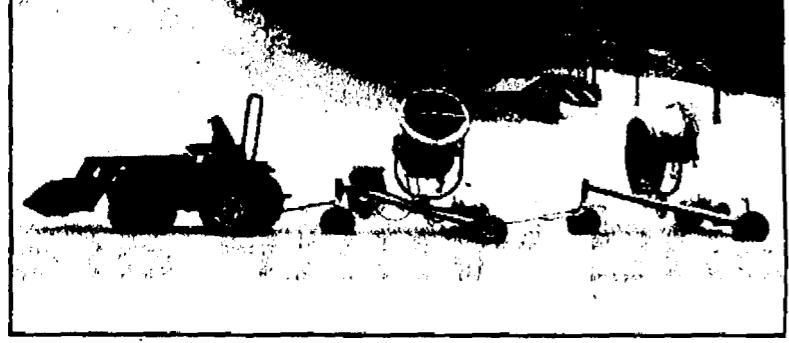
The Grayling Middle School and Grayling High School Bands will perform their annual Holiday concert on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m., at the Grayling High School Auditorium. The admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend this performance.

Band boosters to hold meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. Parents of band students are encouraged to attend and become involved in activities that support the instrumental music program for all Grayling schools.

Cub Scouts to hold cookie auction

Cub Scout Pack #3993, will be having their 3rd Annual Cake and Cookie Auction on Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. at the AuSable Primary School. There will be homemade cakes and cookies. Santa will be giving presents to the scouts. Guest auctioneer will be Chad Patterson. All proceeds will benefit the AuSable Free Clinic and Hanson Hills youth programs. Questions call 344-9368.



Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA), which manages and operates Hanson Hills Recreation Area, has done a lot of maintenance on the grounds and building for the upcoming ski season. Above, GRA employee Billy Partello hauls the snow gun machines out to the ski hills on Monday.

Hanson Hills is ready for winter ski season

Winter finally arrives at Hanson Hills.

For the past six months the staff at Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA), which manages and operates Hanson Hills Recreation area, has done a lot of maintenance on the grounds and building for the ski season. Some of the capital improvements GRA has made this year include a new snowmobile for grooming on the Cross Country trails, new Snowboards and boots for rental, new tow ropes and new tables and chairs for the lodge.

Hanson Hills is scheduled to open on Friday, Dec. 18. GRA will be offering a few promotions this year. Those will include Dollar Fridays beginning January 8, 2010. Nordic specials this year will be buy one get one free trail passes on Tuesdays and senior citizens 60 and up \$1.00 on Thursdays. As an added bonus, GRA will be lighting a one mile novice loop this year with lanterns, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

GRA has also teamed up with Kirtland Community College to provide a continuing education class on Cross Country Skiing. The class begins on January 12, 2010. With a paid class you will get a trail pass and rental for that day plus an

additional pass to ski another day in the week. The class cost is only \$60 and you can sign up at <http://kirtland.edu/comm/>.

Hanson Hills gift certificates are available for your Christmas giving and season passes are now on sale at Hanson Hills.

For more information on winter operations and prices you can visit the website at www.hanson-hills.org, or call 348-9266.

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Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec 6 of \$25 each; D.J. Golec, Haileejane Maher, Ed Veselsky and Mark Hartman.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Dec. 4 was Heidi Lund.

Grayling Promotional Association

All Trees and winners for the Festival of Trees for 2009 were: the tree sponsored by Northern Lawn and Homecare, was won by Kim Murphy; the tree sponsored by The Lovelliers, was won by Carol Lovely; the tree sponsored by Northland Area Federal Credit Union, was won by Angie Golnick; the tree sponsored by Family Dollar, was won by Kristen Glimore; the tree sponsored by Grayling Hospital for Animals, was won by Dave Stephenson; the tree sponsored by Hanson Hills Recreation, was won by Kim Spitel; the tree sponsored by Jack Millikin, was won by Rick Schafer; the tree sponsored by GPA, was won by Ashley Langowski; the tree sponsored by Spikes Keg O' Nails, was won by Tracy Anderson; the tree sponsored by Xpress Copy, was won by Rob Wakeley; the tree sponsored by McDonald's, was won by Merrick Wheeler; the tree sponsored by Tahiti Tans & Hair Salon, was won by Rusty Hammond; the tree sponsored by Chemical Bank, was won by Tyler Rock; the tree sponsored by the Employees of the Crawford County Library, was won by Maddy Verkian; the GPA Red Wing tree, was won by Carolyn Osborne; the tree sponsored by the Grayling Restaurant, was won by Kara Stutzman; the tree sponsored by Second Time Around, Ken Cohee; the tree sponsored by Cornell Insurance, was won by Rusty Hammond; the tree sponsored by Cub Scouts Pack 3993, was won by Jerry Pinch; the tree sponsored by the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, was won by J & K Pimentel; the tree sponsored by the Grayling Eagles # 3465, was won by Zack Osga; the tree sponsored by Flo's Hallmark, was won by Jan Besonen; the tree sponsored by Curves for Women, was won by Diana Amato; the tree

sponsored by the Crawford AuSable United School Employees, was won by Karen Rauch Smock; the tree sponsored by H&R Block, was won by C. Lester; the tree sponsored by Salon Rue', was won by Gia Hart; the tree by Creative Clovers, was won by Laurie Jenson; the tree sponsored by Heads up North, was won by Nelle Olson; the tree sponsored by A Cut Above, was won by Luke Petrosky, II; the tree sponsored by Crawford County Habitat, was won by Julia Hulka; and the Gift Certificate tree, was won by Marilyn Papendick.

Gift item winners for the Festival of Trees 2009 were: GPA, 2 Golden Santa's, won by Rusty Hammond; Mrs. Blaha and Dr. Blaha \$50 Save-A-Lot card, was won by Josh Carlson; the Kodiak group - Glen's card, was won by Charlotte Smith; Shirley Schmoock's necklace and earrings, won by Joan Martin; the GPA - Plant with pinecones, was won by Tina Foster; the Blow up Santa by GPA, was won by Kelly; the GPA Snowman Blow Up, won by Liam Spitel; the GPA nutcracker blow up, was won by Sue Hagel; the Riverland and Clothing and Gifts wreath, was won by Donna Hubbard; the AuSable Red Hatters - Red Hat, was won by Nancy Croze; the Northern Lawn and Homecare - bird house and bird items, was won by Connie Wythe; Pat Schmid's Santa sled and arrangement, was won by Ray and Karen Deporre; the GPA's skiing polar bear, was won by Dana Anderson; GPA's Mickey and Minnie, was won by Gary Rapelje; GPA's elephant on ball, was won by Josh Golnick; GPA's penguin, was won by Joan Martin; Northrop tree and Crane service - boys bike, won by Dominick M; Cornell Insurance - girl bike, won by Ray Benson; GPA's animated carousel, was won by Ava Huber; GPA's two poinsettias, were won by Shirley Schmoock; H & R Block gift basket, won by Shirley Warren; and H & R gift basket, was won by Len Wyatt.

The silent auction items were a Red Wing jacket with 2 tickets, won by Rusty Hammond and a Grayling golf pass, won by Mike Alexander.

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Message For Missions

Romans 10:14 gave us God's motivation for missions: "14How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Romans 10:15 gave us God's method for missions: "15And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:16 gave us God's mourning for missions: "16But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?" Now Romans 10:17 gives us God's message for missions: "17So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." You cannot have saving faith without God's Holy Words of Scripture.

First, sinners must believe God's word to have faith - "17So then faith cometh by hearing..." Hebrews 11:6 reminds us: "6But without faith it is impossible to please him..." It is believing, "...the word of faith, which we preach..." that brings salvation.

(Romans 10:8). Psalms 78:22 reminds us this was the failure Israel of old: "22Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation." As Hebrew 4:2 says, "2For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." Jesus said in John 3:18,19: "18He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

Second, sinners must receive God's word to have faith - "...and hearing by the word of God." Proverbs 28:9 warns us God will not hear us if we will not hear Him: "9He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." This was the problem in Jeremiah 44:16: "16As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee." Hearing God's word brings faith, rejecting God's word brings a curse. "2If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay

it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart." (Malachi 2:2).

Third, sinners must possess God's Word to have faith - "...and hearing by the word of God." God's revealed Holy Word is God's source, support and end for all life and growth. As Psalm 33:6 says, "6By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." God not only created all things by His words, he also redeems us by His words in 1 Peter 1:23 says, "23Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." Your faith can be no stronger than the Bible you hold in your hands. It is hard to have saving faith if you do not have and trust in a Bible which reveals to you God's true, pure, inspired, infallible, and authoritative, saving truth. Many Bibles promote doubt and unbelief. Pastor "B"

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Christian Science Society 209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord (989) 732-7001	Calvary Baptist Church Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220
Sunday Service 10:30 am April through October	Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Evening Worship 6 pm Wednesday 7 pm Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm Sunday School 10:30 am	Wednesday Evening 6 pm Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm
Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church - Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargill 400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974 www.michelsonmemorial.org - Barrier Free Traditional Service 9 am Coffee Hour 10 am Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) 11 am Adult Sunday School 10 am Praise & Worship Service 11 am (Childcare Available)	Church of Christ Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on TV 29 & 8 7:30 am Sunday Classes 10 am Sunday Worship 11 am Sunday Evening 6 pm 1st Sunday Evening of every month, there is no service Midweek Bible Study (Wed.) 6 pm
Seventh Day Adventist Pastor: David Jorgenson (989) 348-1909 • Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance)	Abundant Life Tabernacle Pastor: Lyle Studer 211 Shellenberger St. - (989) 348-5325
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm	Sunday School 10 am Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm Wednesday Evening 7 pm
Lowells Community Chapel (Bible based and non-denominational) Pastor: Larry Hankins 813 Bald Hill Rd. - Lowells (989) 348-2701	Grayling Baptist Church Affiliated with S.B.C. Pastor: Fred Seidler - (705) 543-7988 705 Madson St., Grayling - (989) 348-2557
Sunday School (youth & adult) 9:30 am Morning Worship 11 am Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm	Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11 am Evening Service 6 pm Wednesday Service 7 pm
Grayling Free Methodist Pastor: Rick Seward 6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093	Bear Lake Christian Pastor: David Rosenberg Associate Pastor: Scott Hoffer M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd. Sunday Church Service 10 am - 6:30 pm Sunday School 9 am Bible Study (Wed.) 6:30 pm Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. 6:30 pm
Early Service 8:30 am Sunday School 10 am Morning Service 11 am Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm	Church Alive Church of God Pastor: David Barker 506 North Birch St., Kalkaska (231) 258-3448
Emma Lowry United Church of Christ 3474 West Park Road, Lutzene	Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm Family Training Hour & Prayer (Wednesday) 7 pm
Sunday Worship 11 am Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am	Sunday School 9 am Morning Worship 10 am Tue. Women's Bible Study 10 am Wed. Men's Bible Study Noon
Heritage Baptist Pastor: Eric Wagner - (989) 348-5558 heritagebaptist-grayling.org 1841 Hanwick Pines Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75)	Friendship Church A Christian Reformed Ministry Pastor: Rev. Dick Oberg 415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11 am Afternoon Worship 12:45 pm Wednesday 7 pm	Sunday School 9 am Morning Worship 10 am Tue. Women's Bible Study 10 am Wed. Men's Bible Study Noon
Grayling Assembly of God Pastor: Gary Wojdan 701 S. I-75 Business Loop Parsonage (989) 348-7466	St. Martin Ev. Lutheran (WELS) Pastor: Adam Seelow The Roscommon Community Center, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI 48653 Phone number (989) 275-3070
Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Evening Service 6 pm Family Night Adult Youth Children (Wed.) 7 pm	Sunday 9 am
The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message 7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic	Resurrection Life Center Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738 reslifecenter.com • Phone: (989) 348-1000
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Sunday Worship 11 am	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints President: David Stephenson 600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
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Obituaries

Kyle J. Rymiszewski

Kyle John Rymiszewski, 15, of Clinton Township, passed away on Thursday, December 3, 2009, at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

He was born in Detroit on December 11, 1993.

He was a sophomore at Chippewa Valley High School.

He enjoyed playing baseball. He was a member of DECA.

Playing video games and chess were his favorite hobbies.

When he was 10 years old, he was the MVP of his all-star baseball team.

His favorite pets were his dog Brandy and his cats Casey and Jack.

Relatives said he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his father, Ken; mother, Aimee (Gary) Cowher; grandparents, Tom and Lucille Rymiszewski, Marty and Lydia Cowher; great-grandmother, Mary Kay Barron; siblings: Nicole, Austen, Abi, Ali Cone and Ashley Felynn; nephew of Tom (Cheryl), Terri (Joe) Klick, Philip (Linda), Mary (Denton) Loomis, Donna (Phil) Thom, Karen (Jeff) Place, Ed (Marie) and Shannon (Dan) Sails; 29 cousins; and nanny, Mary Blewett.

A funeral mass was held at St. Paul of Tarsus Church.

Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Children's Cardiomyopathy Fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.mem.com.

Arrangements made by Resurrection Funeral Home.

Ronald P. Woidan

Ronald P. Woidan, 59, of Grayling, passed away on November 30, 2009.

Private family services were held.

Arrangements made by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Stephen P. Hopko

Mr. Stephen Paul Hopko, of Frederick, Md., passed away on Monday, November 30, 2009, at his home.

He was the husband of Alexandra Tyron-Hopko.

He was born January 18, 1927, in St. Johns to the late Joseph and Mary Kandle Hopko.

He grew up in the St. Johns area.

He was the Advertising Manager and Publisher of the Clinton County News before moving to Idaho, where he lived for 20 years before moving to Frederick, Md.

He was a member of the Alumni Associations of Michigan State University and Idaho State University, where he taught for several years.

He retired as a Clinical Sociologist at the State Hospital South in Idaho. While in Idaho, he was active and in the deaconate program of the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho.

He was a Master Gardner, started an herb business and was a vendor at the farmer's market in Frederick and in Washington D.C. for 15 years.

He was a WWII Veteran, an avid fly fisherman and a golfer.

In addition to his wife Alexandra, he is survived by his daughter, Melissa Hopko of Frederick; three sisters: Mary Ewing and Helen Glazier both of St. Johns, Betty St. Pierre of Clearwater, Fla.; and sister-in-law, Marlene Hopko of St. Johns.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, John Hopko and Joe Hopko; one sister, Margaret Gurski; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements made by Stauffer Funeral Home, Frederick, Md.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 11 - Lunch-baked ham with apple glaze, winter blend vegetables, marshmallow sweet potatoes and pineapple. No Dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christmas card sale, 12 p.m. Frederic Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Dec. 14 - Lunch - chicken tenders, scalloped potatoes, green beans and peaches. Dinner - spaghetti with meat sauce, wax beans, cauliflower, breadsticks and an apple. 10 a.m. quilting, 1 p.m. Bridge and Clogging, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Hearing Clinic.

Tuesday, Dec. 15 - Lunch - salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts and orange sections. Dinner - roast turkey, stuffing, green bean casserole, carrots and peaches. 10 a.m. Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 - Lunch - Stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, cauliflower and diced pears. Dinner - BBQ chicken breast, baked potato, winter blend vegetables, peas, pineapple chunks and blueberry crisp. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, caregiver class and Wii Bowling, 5:30 p.m. Picnics.

Thursday, Dec. 17 - Lunch - chicken stir-fry, brown rice, asparagus and fruit cocktail. Christmas Dinner - roast beef, green beans with almonds, au gratin potatoes, spiced pears and cherry pie. 10 a.m. craft class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Christmas Dinner.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Births

Candie and Michael Barnum, of Prudenville, announce the birth of their son, Keagan James, born at Mercy Hospital on November 29, 2009, at 7:34 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 13 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Veronica Alexander and Robert Emmons, of Frederic, announce the birth of a daughter, Roslyn Cynthia, born at Mercy Hospital on December 1, 2009, at 12:46 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 6.5 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

Range Firing

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Dec. 17, 21-23.

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Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 71 complaints the week of Nov. 30 - Dec. 6.

One EMS response, 18 general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minor, three false alarm activations, one criminal sexual assault, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, four larcenies, one motor vehicle theft, two fraudulent activi-

ties, one drug/narcotics violation, one obstruction of justice, six public peace/disorderlies, one health and safety, one conservation, 11 traffic accidents, one hazardous condition, one accident-all other, three family troubles-domestic and 12 suspicious situations.

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Military News

Michael Zill, of Grayling, has returned from completing Basic and Advanced Individual Training.

Zill attended Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He is a member of the 1437th Engineer Bridge Company, Mich-

igan Army National Guard, and serves as a Bridge Crewmember.

Zill is a 2009 graduate of Grayling High School and will attend Michigan Technical University studying in Engineering. He is the son of Paul and Rosanna Zill of Grayling.

Library News

"Teen Frederic" will be on Friday, Dec. 11, at 5 p.m. at the Frederic Community Library. Call 348-4067, to sign up.

The Friends of the Crawford County Library will meet at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. New members are always welcome.

The Devereaux Memorial Library invites you to kick off the holidays with some family fun at 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. Wear your pj's and meet at the fireplace to enjoy Christmas stories, songs, crafts and refreshments. For more information, call Jane at 348-9214.



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Physician's poker winnings benefit needy for Christmas

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Overall, LaGattuta played 19 hours of poker over the two days. He was in the running for winning the tournament right up until the end, when he had full house with a pair of aces and three fives. The eventual second place winner edged him out with a full house with a pair of sixes and three eights as the community cards were dealt in the Texas Hold 'Em style tournament.

"I felt compelled to call

his hand with my pair of fives and I was right there to the very last hand," LaGattuta said.

LaGattuta ended up finishing fourth in the tournament, which a purse of \$29,647. He has made contributions to Mercy Hospital's Light of Love and We Care Fund, which are used to support needy families during the Christmas holiday. He also made a contribution through the Crawford County United Way to the AuSable Free Clinic, which serves the needy and uninsured in Mercy Hospital Grayling's service area. LaGattuta has served as a volunteer physician at the clinic.

LaGattuta also made a donation to Mercy Hospital Grayling's general fund account. He sits on the hospital's medical executive committee and is chairman of OB/GYN department.

LaGattuta had some trees removed from his property and will replace some carpet in his home. He gave some money to his parents, Laurence and Dorothy

LaGattuta of Allegan, so they could make a trip to Florida or some other warm weather destination this winter.

Finally, LaGattuta made a contribution to a niece who is attending Michigan State University and into college accounts for his son Joe, 13, Alaina, 12, who live in Traverse City. He also put money into a college account for daughter Sophie, who will turn 1 on Dec. 19.

"By the time I pay the tax man, it will all be gone," he said.

LaGattuta began playing poker in high school with buddies, which continued on into college which when would play monthly with fellow students.

"We used to play for nickels and dimes and we didn't play very much, he said.

In 2005, he finished 48th in the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas, winning \$5,600.

LaGattuta has won in some on-line poker tournaments. He used the winnings to take his family on a

cruise and his buddies on a charter-fishing trip on Lake Superior to catch Lake Trout.

"When I win money at poker I try to do something good with it," he said.

While some people see parallels between playing poker and life, LaGattuta said he does not hold with that point of view. He also does not see any parallels between practicing medicine and obstetrics, where safety is always the first concern.

"Anyone can sit down at a poker table and pony up their \$200 or \$10 and or whatever and they're going to get the same rights and everybody is equal," LaGattuta said. "It's reasonable to take some risks in poker."

As of last week, LaGattuta had yet to do his Christmas shopping.

"He received double the luck because he got to play in the tournament and did have to go Christmas shopping so it worked out really well," Pamela LaGattuta said.

Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale underway

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records clerk for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and treasurer for the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association Andrews.

After shopping, the children will be treated to lunch at the Grayling Eagles Club before they are taken home with a large food basket donated by the Grayling Eagles Club's Women's Auxiliary. Spicy Bob's has made pizza for the luncheon available at a discount.

"Every year we look forward to this and it gives up great pleasure to help provide a better Christmas to the kids," said Deputy Shawn Schnoor, the president of the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association. "It means a great deal to everyone that works at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office."

The Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale also assists in funding other youth-oriented events throughout the county, including the Crawford County Sheriff's Office Bicycle Rodeo, the Grayling Little League and

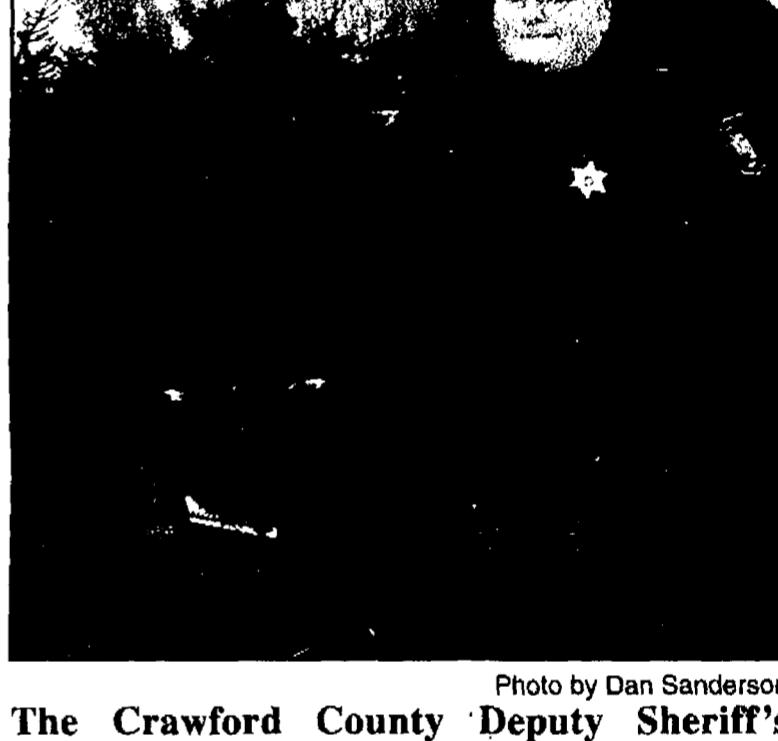


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The Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association Christmas tree sale got underway last week, in the Grayling Kmart parking lot, in order to provide a brighter holiday for some youngsters. Above, Deputy Shawn Schnoor, the president of the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association stands next to array of trees and wreaths which are available.

a college scholarship for a local high school graduate. In the last three years, the association also purchased backpacks and school supplies for children starting out the school year.

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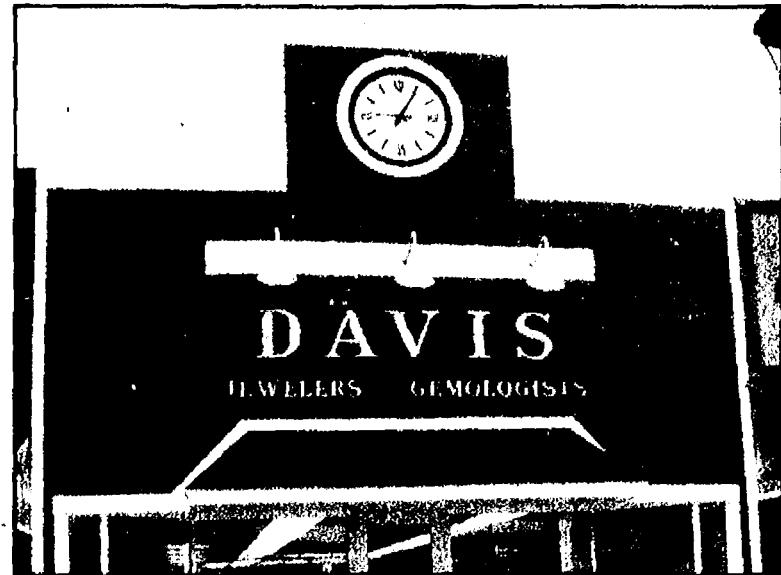
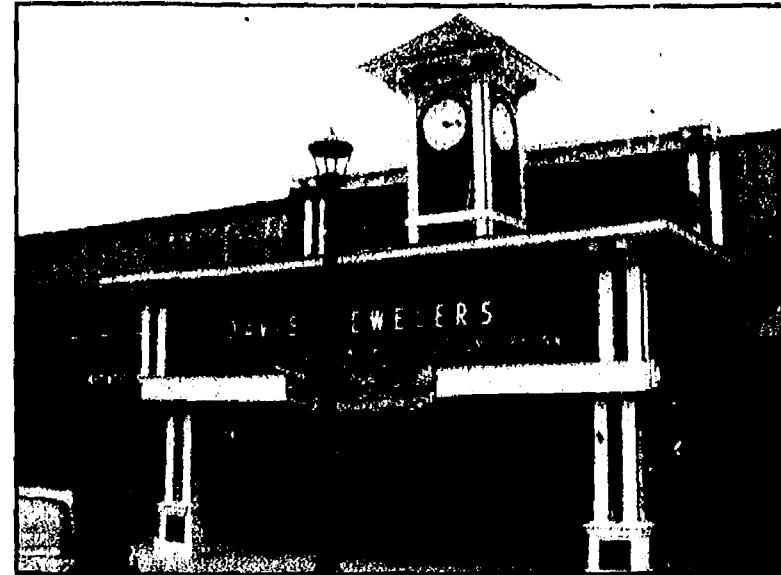
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Above are before and after pictures after Davis Jewelers capped off a \$50,000 interior and exterior renovation project with a tip of the hat to the past and hope for the future of Grayling's downtown shopping district. The facade facelift for Davis Jewelers started on Sept. 17 and the finishing touches were added in time for the community's Christmas Walk on Nov. 21. Rod Kemp, who co-owns Davis Jewelers with partner, Marilyn Humphrey, said the front canopy of the store was in need of repair, but did not meet the current Grayling City codes. Instead of trying to repair the canopy, the store owners started from scratch with hopes of bringing a 1920s feel back to the business.

Davis Jewelers finishes latest renovations in time for Christmas

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

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"We're hoping that Grayling is revitalized in the future, we're hoping this pays off for us and we're hoping some other stores will remodel and we'll have a cohesive statement as a downtown," Kemp said.

Floyd and Hilda Davis founded Davis Jewelers in 1941. They sold the business to nephew, Jim Shepler in the late 1960s. Shepler in turn sold the business to his nephew, Darwin Wilder in

1996. Kemp and Humphrey acquired the business in 2000.

"We've broken the family tradition so to speak, but it's still locally owned and a mom and pop store," Kemp said.

The reference to the 1920s comes from the jewelry showcases, wall cases and cash station, which were brought to Davis Jewelers by Shepler. The showcases, which were built in Grand Rapids in 1925, were purchased from Meyers Treasure Chest Jewelers, which closed in downtown Detroit in the 1970s.

The outside of the store was painted blue to match new blue carpeting inside the store.

The backlit clock on the front replaces a clock tower, which had three faces, but none of the clocks were in a working condition for the last 15 years.

The three-diameter clock was specially ordered from a Pennsylvania firm and cost \$4,000.

"It surprised me how expensive the clock would be, but we thought that added a certain design element to tie everything together," Kemp said.

During demolition for the renovation, Kemp said sev-

eral old newspapers were found in the walls of the business.

Kemp photographed a TV guide published by the *Detroit Times* on Sept. 22, 1957, which he plans to frame and hang inside the store to add to the historical ambiance.

Kemp said Davis Jewelers strives to provide customer service and a unique shopping experience that people don't expect in a small town. They offer a wide array of jewelry that is price competitive with other stores and try to meet the needs of the community.

"I look at this as a continuing journey, trying to get the store to what I have in mind, and that is a store that has a very vintage appearance and that theme carries throughout the store," Kemp said.

Last year, Davis Jewelers replaced the roof on its building. Kemp said the final project he hopes to add to the store is a tin roof to add to the historic feel.

"That would be the final phase of getting back to the 1920s appearance," Kemp said.

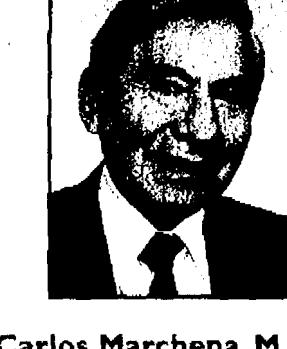
Davis Jewelers maintains a staff of four employees. The hours remain 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 3

p.m. on Saturday.

"We would love to see those hours extended if downtown had more of a shopping experience to offer," Kemp said. "If it warranted more hours we would love to stay open."

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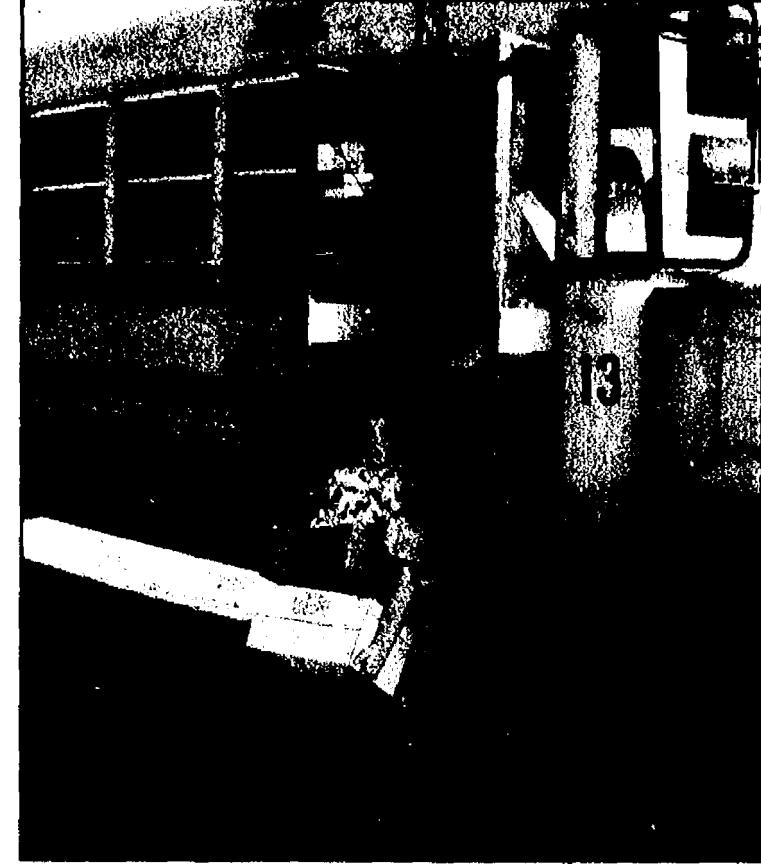
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GMS students deliver food for needy for the holidays

Students at the Grayling Middle School collected 800 food items valued at \$900 for the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. The students delivered the boxes of food to the Help Center with a school bus. Above left, Logan DuVall carries boxes of food from the bus to the Help Center's storage area. Above right, Logan Miller and Jensen Stephan placed boxes on the Help Center's shelves as Marianne Gosnell, director of the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center looks on, and Logan DuVall goes to get more food from the bus.

Funding found for school liaison officer

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After the school year ends, Barnett will take the seasonal traffic enforcement position which runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The sheriff's office will submit a Cops in School grant application in hopes of funding the position for the 2010 2011 school year.

"He could run traffic right up to the day when the school year starts," said Crawford County Undersheriff Shawn Krayes.

Wakefield said he hopes to hear if the Cops and School grant is awarded by May or June so he has a better grasp on planning for the sheriff's office.

"We just have to wait it out," Wakefield said.

Tom Haskel, the Crawford County Court Administrator, has identified the potential to use federal Title Five funds to help fund Barnett's position. The funds have been made available to the county through Bureau of Juvenile Justice

of the Michigan Department of Human Services.

Currently, the county is analyzing and planning in order to identify gaps in programs where the community is coming up short in preventing juvenile delinquency and other juvenile issues.

The gap in funding caused by the state cuts could be used to convince state officials to allow the funds to be earmarked for the school liaison officer's position.

County Commissioner Rick Anderson suggested contacting the local Michigan Department of Human Service office to see if it could help with the funding issue.

"We've cut a number of programs and their part of the community - part and parcel," Anderson said. "It's an avenue we can always address and maybe we can

put something together where all of us are involved with it."

Powers said the school district is expecting a \$1.5 to \$2 million cut to its budget for the 2010-2011 school year and could not make a commitment to the school liaison officer at this time.

"It doesn't look very good," Powers said.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, said county and school officials and representatives from other agencies have plenty of time to do their homework to secure funding the school liaison officer's program for the next school year.

"Instead of looking at getting funding from two places we might have to look at getting from six, but whatever it takes," Stephenson said.

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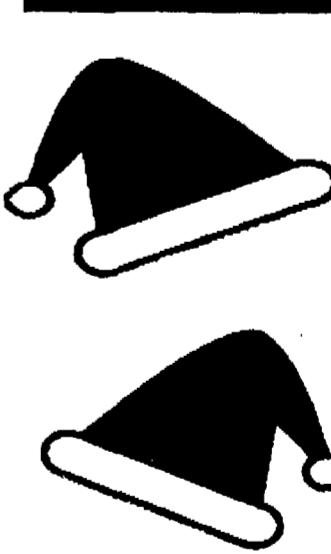
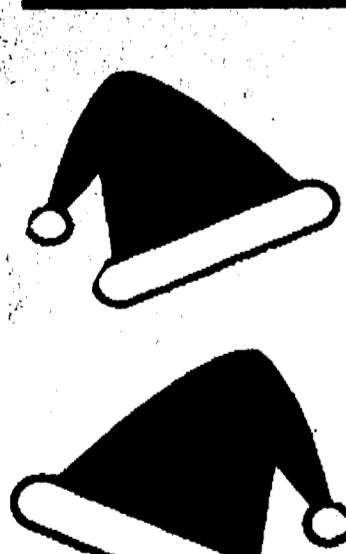
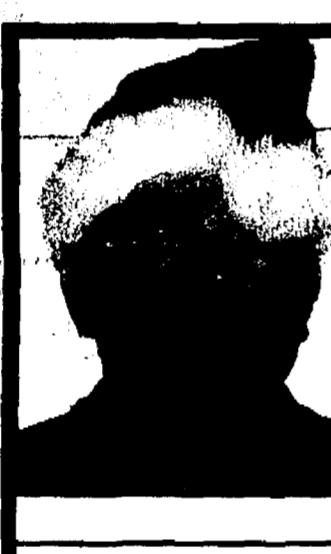
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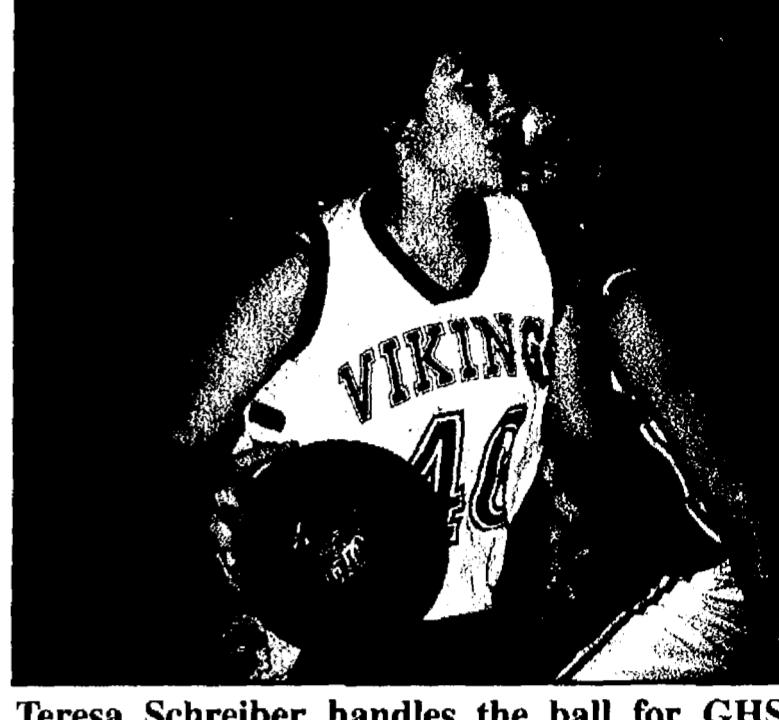
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GHS seals win vs. Buckley with 12-0 4th quarter run

Varsity girls basketball squad off to a 1-1 start



Teresa Schreiber handles the ball for GHS during Friday's game vs. the Buckley Bears.

The contest was tied at halftime, but Grayling sealed a 57-44 victory vs. the visiting Buckley Bears on Friday night with a 35-22 performance in the second half, including a 19-10 advantage in the final period. Grayling's fourth quarter effort included 12 unanswered points down the stretch.

The two varsity girls basketball squads were tied at 22-22 at halftime during Friday's nonconference contest. The Vikings edged Buckley 16-12 in the third period and took a 38-34 lead into the fourth quarter.

Teresa Schreiber hit a three-pointer for GHS to start the fourth period. Buckley answered with a lay-up following a steal. A jump shot by Ann Hamlin put the Vikings back up by seven. The Bears cut Grayling's lead back to five with two free throws.

From the 5:30 mark to the 1:30 mark, Grayling outscored Buckley 12-0, putting the game out of reach for the visiting Bears. The 12-0 run included (in order) an inside shot by

Abbey Thomas, an inside shot by Jo Hamlin, a drive by A. Hamlin, an inside shot by Schreiber, a free throw by Thomas, a put-back by Thomas, and a free throw by A. Hamlin.

The Vikings won by 13, 57-44.

Leading scorers for Grayling included: A. Hamlin, 21 points, 9 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 steals; Schreiber, 17 points, 4 steals; Ashley Feldhauser, 8 points, 18 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 steals; Thomas, 7 points, 9 rebounds; J. Hamlin, 4 points.

"This was a good test of our strength inside. Ann, Abbey, and Ashley all had great rebounding numbers. Ashley pulled down 18 boards, just four shy of our all-time school record. Ann and Teresa showed the ability to score with 21 and 17 points," Coach Kelly Sheehan said. "We are getting better with each game."

On Wednesday, the Vikings opened their 2009-2010 season with a 55-41 nonconference loss vs. the visiting Roscommon Bucks. Roscommon led by 12 at

halftime and 19 after three quarters. The Bucks won by 14.

"The girls started the game playing tight. After they got the first quarter butterflies out they played with the intensity I have seen all along," Coach Sheehan said. "As a team we had 26 steals and showed a glimpse of our quickness."

Scoring leaders for GHS included: Feldhauser, 11 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists; Thomas, 9 points, 11

rebounds, 4 blocks; Schreiber, 8 points, 4 rebounds, 9 steals, 4 assists; A. Hamlin, 7 points, 6 rebounds, 5 steals; J. Hamlin, 6 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists.

The Vikings (1-1 overall) will play at East Jordan on Friday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. in their first league game of the year. The night will also include the varsity boys basketball teams playing as the second match of a double-header.

JV girls win 41-11 vs. short-handed Bears

In its second game of the 2009-2010 season, the Grayling High School junior varsity girls basketball team defeated a short-handed Buckley Bears squad 41-11 on Friday night at GHS.

Buckley only had five players – no substitutes.

"The girls played a very solid game offensively and defensively," Coach Craig Hofman said. "Buckley was extremely short-handed with only five girls dressed and played very hard and gave a great effort. The girls did what had to be done and won a game they should win."

"Caitlin Prosser did a nice job of occupying defenders inside, which allowed us to get a lot of nice open looks

outside. Hannah Haven had a very impressive game defensively with six steals and five rebounds," Coach Hofman said.

"It was a good opportunity for us to work on our different defenses and some offensive sets. In a game that you have complete control it is hard to keep your defensive intensity, but I thought for the most part the girls did a nice job of continuing to play hard all game long," Coach Hofman said.

Leading scorers for Grayling included: Alyssa Morley, 12 points, 4 assists; Jamie Denton, 10 points, 4

rebounds, 3 assists; Chloe Harwood, 8 points, 5 rebounds; Haven, 5 points, 5 rebounds, 6 steals, 4 assists; Prosser, 4 points, 8

rebounds, 1 steal; Jennifer Lester, 2 points, 2 rebounds.

In the JV squad's season opener, the Vikings fell to the visiting Roscommon Bucks on Wednesday night.

The contest was tied at 4-4 after one quarter. The Bucks had a 10-6 lead at halftime. Roscommon outscored Grayling 19-12 in the second half – 9-4 in the fourth period – to win by 11, 29-18.

"We played good defense all game long except for a few letdowns here and there. I thought we played very tough against a much bigger team," Coach Hofman said.

"The girls rebounded well. Offensively we had plenty of opportunities and for the most part took good shots, but the girls just could not get them to go in."

"We played well all game but Roscommon just beat us every quarter except the first by a couple of points and by the end it added up," Coach Hofman said. "We have a very young and inexperienced team that will be going up against experi-

enced JV squads all year and we know it will be a tough road, but a road that we will fight to improve on."

Leading scorers and rebounders for GHS were: Haven, 6 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal; Denton, 4 points, 11 rebounds; Harwood, 4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal; Prosser, 2 points, 12 rebounds; Samantha Hansen, 2 points; Myriah Kuhn, 5 rebounds.

Grayling (1-1 overall) will host East Jordan on Friday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. The JV boys basketball teams will play after the girls.

MMA

Dave Shepherd, a local mixed martial arts competitor, will fight in a "King of the Cage" event at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie on Dec. 12. Joey Bancroft, also a local MMA fighter, will be on the same card. For tickets, contact Shepherd at (989) 915-7179.



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Bowling Leagues

Recreation League
 GMH-NCC 32 - 20
 Ball Buster's 30 - 22
 Woody Girls 29 - 23
 American Legion 25 - 27
 Robin Smith CPA 24 - 28
 Glen's Market 24 - 28
 Grayling Nursing 24 - 28
 Days Inn 20 - 32
 High Series: P. Younglove, 527;
 S. Harney, 505; K. Wheeler,
 473. High Game: S. Harney
 and P. Younglove, 180; J.
 Brown, 176.

Senior League
 Gaylord Electric .33.5 - 18.5
 Flowers By Josie 31 - 21
 Legion Lanes 27 - 25
 Dana Transport 27 - 25
 Lone Pine 26 - 26
 Sylvester's Sports 22 - 30
 Bear's Den Pizza 22 - 30
 Spike's 19.5 - 32.5
 High Series Women: C. Clark,
 514; M. Ryss, 483; N.
 Glasslee, 469. High Game
 Women: M. Ryss, 188; C.
 Clark, 183; J. Williamson, 169.
 High Series Men: L. Wyatt,

548; B. Hollis, 496; L.
 Crampton, 493. High Game
 Men: L. Wyatt, 224 and 197; O.
 Brantley, 194; L. Crampton,
 181.

Friday Mixed Doubles
 Don Nester 59 - 32
 Hill Top 58 - 33
 Moshier Auto 50 - 41
 L & L Hauling 49 - 42
 Northern Lawn 46 - 45
 American Legion 43 - 48
 Double Trouble 30 - 61
 Dharma Music 29 - 62
 High Series Women: T.
 Benardo, 542; J. Williamson,
 511; S. Johnson, 508. High
 Game Women: C. Osborne,
 204; T. Benardo, 188; P.
 Younglove, 182. High Series
 Men: G. Mastroeni, 574; B.
 Harris and C. Hanson, 537.
 High Game Men: P. Benardo,
 210, G. Mastroeni, 201; F.
 Periard, 191.

Pioneer League
 Riverland 33.5 - 14.5
 Ole Dam 31 - 17
 SB's 25.5 - 22.5

Tim's Collision 25 - 23
 Legion 24 - 24
 T.C. Lawcare 24 - 24
 Grayling Rest 21 - 27
 High Series: H. Stairs, 554; S.
 Johnson, 535; T. Rock, 524.
 High Game: T. Rock, 196; S.
 Johnson, 194; R. Christman,
 193.

American Men's League
 McLean's Ace 33 - 9
 IMM 27 - 15
 Thayers Crew 22 - 20
 Joels Team 20 - 22
 Moore's Auto 19 - 23
 Marty's Firewood 18 - 24
 Primary Electric 16 - 26
 Fenton's Auto 13 - 29
 High Series: J. Helsel, 615; M.
 Barr, 589; T. Sheldon, 586.

High Game: T.J. Helsel, 230;
 C. Moshier, and J. Helsel, 225.

Thursday Morning Coffee
 Casino Bums 29 - 19
 Thanks "A Latte" 29 - 19

Ladybugs 26 - 22
 Wanna Bees 24 - 24
 Snow Tops 24 - 24
 Fearless 22.5 - 25.5

Bill's Harem 22 - 26
 Bowling Buds 15.5 - 32.5
 High Series Women: N.
 Glasslee, 480; C. Clark, 458;
 D. Hollis, 447. High Game
 Women: J. Brown and D.
 Hollis, 171; N. Glasslee, 169.
 High Series Men: E. Brosky,
 547; B. Hollis, 525; K. Harris,
 511. High Game Men: K.
 Harris, 213; B. Hollis, 207; E.
 Brosky, 204.

Sunday Mixed Doubles
 Spikes 61 - 23
 Team #4 45 - 39
 Fick and Sons 42 - 42
 Bloomquist 41 - 43
 Shocker 36 - 48
 Gray Rock 27 - 57
 High Series Men: R. Dent 646;
 L. Ostrowski, 585; R.
 Strohpaul, 534. High Game
 Men: R. Dent, 245; L.
 Ostrowski, 232; C. Kucharek,
 230. High Series Women: S.
 Moshier, 474; L. Mead, 457; J.
 Dent, 444. High Game Women:
 D. Johnson, 178; L. Mead, 174;
 S. Mead, 172.

Pool League

Women's Standings
 Frederic Inn 91
 Ole Barn 83
 Ramada II 70

Growlers 65
 Gray Rock 63
 Ramada I 55.8
 Ball on the Break: Sharon

(Ramada I); Denise (Ole
 Barn).
 5 Ball Run: Jeannie
 (Ramada II); Julie (Frederic
 Inn); Carla (Gray Rock).
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 (Ramada II).

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 13, 2010. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 128, Holiday Height No. 2, according to the plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 41 Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 30, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 16, Sherwood Forest, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 7: South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale,

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 13, 2010. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 7: South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale,

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NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Candace Cox, a married woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 13, 2007 and recorded June 21, 2007 in Liber 687, Page 381, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Two and 61/100 Dollars (\$78,842.61) including interest at 7% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 13, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 11 and 12, Block 17, of Roffe's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 10, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 310.6737 ASAP# 3364509 12/10/2009, 12/17/2009, 12/24/2009, 12/31/2009

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from the date of such sale. Dated: December 2, 2009 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, 2004-FFH3 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 ASAP# 3366287 12/10/2009, 12/17/2009, 12/24/2009, 12/31/2009

as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven And 56/100 Dollars (\$114,427.56), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 26, 2009 For more information, please call: FC X (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #123672F02

-26-3-10-17

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry Frederick Haight and Ann M. Haight, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage North, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2005, and recorded on March 14, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 188, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-2 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-2 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven And 56/100 Dollars (\$114,427.56), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 10, 2009 For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #256197F02

-10-17-24-31

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Peter Reuter, a married man and Carol Reuter, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 16, 2004, and recorded on December 30, 2004 in Liber 673 on Page 132, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-One And 13/100 Dollars (\$101,371.13), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 23, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Excepting 33 feet off the South side for road purposes.

and the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Excepting 33 feet off the South side for road purposes and the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Excepting 33 feet off the South side for road purposes.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 19, 2009 For more information, please call: FC G (248) 593-1310 Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #223411F02

-19-26-3-10

NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith Hansen, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2005 and recorded November 3, 2005 in Liber 678, Page 245, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bac Home Loans Servicing, LP aka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen and 83/100 Dollars (\$70,618.83) including interest at 6.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 13, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 10, of Roffe's Addition, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

-26-3-10-17

NOTICE

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-26-3-10-17

NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michele A. Moshier, City Clerk

Notice

The Grayling Housing Commission announces that on 12/1/09 the PHA shall make available for public review a draft copy of components of its Five-Year and Annual Agency Plan per the guidelines of 24 CFR 903, a requirement of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. These documents will be available Monday through Friday from 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the PHA administration office, located at 308 Lawndale, Grayling, MI. The PHA has scheduled a public hearing to be held on 1/15/10 at 1:00 p.m. in the community room at 308 Lawndale, Grayling, MI. At this time, the PHA shall receive and consider any and all comments prior to finalization of their agency plan for submission to HUD on or before 1/18/10.

CITY OF GRAYLING CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Amendments to Zoning Ordinance

The City of Grayling Ordains:

- Set standards for commercial fences.
- Require removal or make to conform to Zoning Ordinance standards non-conforming signs after a business ceases operations for at least six months.
- Allows for two product advertising signs and set standards for the same.

The amendments to the Zoning Ordinance were adopted by City Council on November 30, 2009. A copy of the amendments are available for review in the City Clerk's office at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling. The amendments go into effect ten days after publication of this notice.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

Notice of Public Hearing

The Crawford County Road Commission in conjunction with the Crawford County Transit Authority and the City of Grayling will be holding a Public Hearing December 10, 2009 @ 10:00 a.m.

Meeting location shall be at the Crawford County Road Commission office in Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, Grayling, MI 49738.

Purpose for the public hearing will be to address and approve the selection of proposed project(s) that could receive funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

This meeting is being held to place a road project on the State Wide Transportation Improvement plan, so that in the event additional ARRA funds are available to the Crawford County Road Commission, the funding can be acquired.

Upon completion the board will present the recommended proposed project(s) to the Regional Task Force for consideration.

Additional information may be obtained from the Road Commission Office, Crawford County Road Commission phone (989) 348-2281 or fax (989) 348-6933.

Prepared for the Crawford County Road Commission, Crawford County Transit Authority and the City of Grayling.

Features

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



December 10, 1986 - Todd Hull muscles his way above Johannesburg defenders to score two points in the second half of a Grayling season opening win.

23 Years Ago

December 10, 1986

Snow days will not be made up this year in the Crawford AuSable School District. This is the last year of a teacher contract that was signed before a new state law requiring snow days to be made up.

Shawn Lovely, a junior at Central Michigan University, performed in CMU Orchesis Dance Theatre's annual fall dance concert.

Grayling opened its wrestling season at Lowell on Saturday, losing to the home team Lowell and

Alma while beating Muskegon Catholic Central in the four-team meet. Terry Sorenson, at 105 pounds, and Ward Jones, at 155 pounds, were the only two Vikings to win two matches.

Grayling's J.V. basketball team opened the year with a strong showing over Johannesburg 73-56.

Chris Skidmore led with

17 points and Marty Jung had 9 steals and 7 points.

Bud Ostrowski and Kraig Hudson had 12 points

each. Ted Baynham

scored 10, Jeremie Mead

had 7, Tony Doremire had

3, Kevin Austin and John

Lamie both had 2 and Richard Moss scored 1.

Amy LaGrow took first place in a contest sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association for the Grayling Winter Carnival Button design. Her design won her \$25 and her design will appear on buttons promoting the festival. Anne Petrosky, took second place in the contest among 39 entries.

46 Years Ago

December 12, 1963

Electric power to more than 10,000 customers of Consumers Power Company was interrupted Sunday in the Higgins Lake, Houghton Lake and Grayling area, because someone deliberately shot out five insulators on a 46,000 volt Consumers transmission line.

A total of \$14,103 in Christmas Club savings has been distributed to 153 individuals in the immediate area by the Grayling State Bank.

Michigan Consolidated Gas Company representatives began contacting residents and businessmen in Grayling this week to determine who will desire

natural gas service when it becomes available next fall.

On Monday evening, Dec. 2, at approximately 6:30 p.m., the Yule Lighting at Frederic's pub-

lic park and children's playground was turned on by Bessie O'Dell as planned and scheduled. Mrs. O'Dell was led to the park by John and James Tobin, who carried candles. One large and four smaller trees were attractively arranged in a section of the park near the Town Hall. They became aglow when Mrs. O'Dell made the ceremonial connection. Maxie Tobin then read the story of the first Christmas.

69 Years Ago

December 12, 1940

Phil Faustman is the new cook at the Plaza Grill, taking the place of Paul Lovely who has resigned.

Grayling basketball fans will be pleased to learn that they will once again have a chance to witness another game between the original Harlem Globetrotters and the Hanson Cafe team.

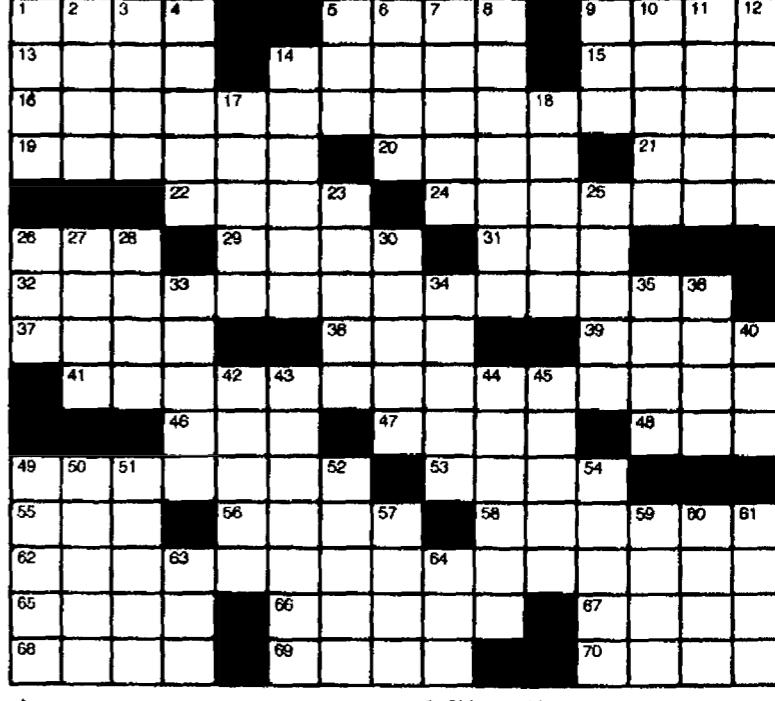
92 Years Ago

December 13, 1917

Mrs. T. Hanson is in Detroit taking a course in surgical dressings for the Red Cross work.

"Paddy" O'Reagan, well known about town, but now a member of the National Army from Grayling, writes that he has been transferred to the Aviation corps and left for San Antonio, Texas.

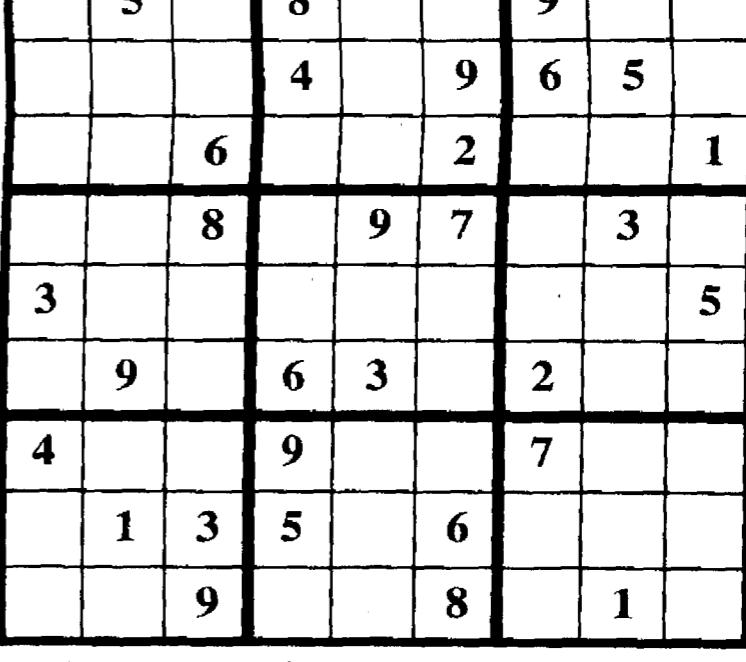
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 1. Feel pain
 5. Pool site, maybe
 9. "Not to mention ..." 13. "Hold it right there!"
 14. Swerves
 15. ___ bread
 16. Atlas showing the distribution of distinctive linguistic features
 19. Enchantments
 20. Drove
 21. On, as a lamp
 22. Ornamental ladies' bag for small articles
 24. Boils slowly at low temperature
 26. Allied Command Europe
 28. Eastern royal
 31. Buzzer
 32. Scientific discipline
 37. U.S. architect
 38. Dusk, to Donne
 39. Affired
 41. Across time
 46. Longest division of geological time
 47. Durable wood
 48. "Didn't I tell you?"
 49. Capital of Kenya
 53. Gab
 55. Appetite
 56. Supply available for future use
 58. Organic processes of growing older
 62. Implant
 65. 100 kurus
 66. Fencing action
 67. "Bye now"
 68. Long, long time
 69. Certain surgeon's "patient"
 70. Exile isle
 Down
 1. Cobblers' tools
 2. China problem
 3. Better
 4. American symbol
 5. "Amen!"
 6. Methamphetamine hydrochloride
 7. Weeps
 8. Attribute
 9. Appropriate
 10. Charles de Gaulle's birthplace
 11. Flight segment
 12. Kilns
 14. Ocular
 17. The "U" in UHF
 18. Commercial makers
 23. Atlas enlargement
 25. Big drawer?
 26. "Don't ___!"
 27. Black shade
 28. Bounce back, in a way
 30. Freeze
 33. ___ tube
 34. Branch of the Indo-Iranian family of languages
 35. Extensions at the end and at right, angles to the main building
 36. Ad headline
 40. Blonde's secret, maybe
 42. Blow
 43. Existing as an essential constituent
 44. Draw deep into the lungs
 45. Whinny
 49. African antelope
 50. Cliffside dwelling
 51. Foreword, for short
 52. Bring upon oneself
 54. Flower girl, sometimes
 57. Banquet
 59. Hit hard
 60. Seize suddenly
 61. Ancient colonnade
 63. "Jurassic Park" mathematician
 64. "Act your ___!"

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



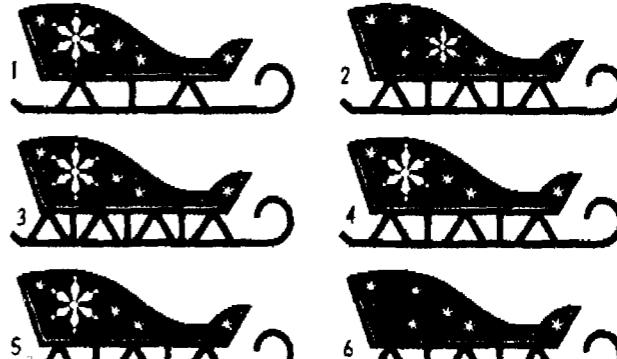
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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

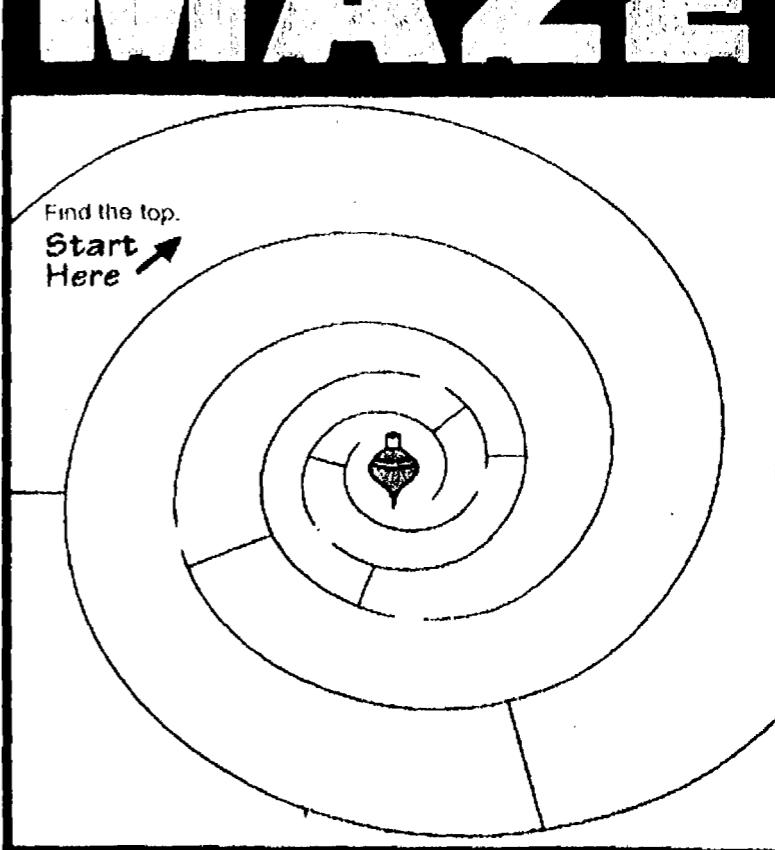


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WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



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Dos

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Visit us at: www.ausablevallyanimalshelter.org

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
 Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
 Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,
 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays
 After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
 For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast						
		(Courtesy of the Weather.com)						
Date	High	Low	Snow	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
12/1	37	30						
12/2	45	32						
12/3	42	32						
12/4	33	26	.26					
12/5	26	21	1					
12/6	25	21	2					
12/7	28	14	2					

Extended Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 18 Low 9	High 18 Low 9	High 23 Low 9	High 24 Low 15	High 23 Low 17	High 27 Low 18

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

CREAMY CORN AND TURKEY SOUP

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped red pepper, divided
- 2 Tbsp. butter or margarine
- 4 oz. (1/2 of 8-oz. pkg.) cream cheese, cubed
- 1 can (14.75 oz.) cream-style corn
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 cups shredded leftover cooked turkey

Directions: Cook onion and half of the red pepper in butter in large saucepan on medium heat until tender, stirring frequently. Reduce heat to low. Add cream cheese; cook until melted, stirring constantly. Add corn, broth, milk and turkey; mix well. Cook until soup is heated through, stirring occasionally. Serve topped with remaining chopped red pepper.

Prep Time: 10 min. Total Time: 25 min.

Makes 6 servings, 1 cup each.

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2. For Rent	2. For Rent	2. For Rent	2. For Rent	2. For Rent
2 BEDROOM, 2 CAR garage on mainstream of AuSable. \$625 plus deposit, no smoking. New flooring, refinished. 344-9038. (-10/2)	CLOSE TO TOWN Efficiency cabin \$375 per month, \$375 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. No pets. 989-348-5124. (-10/2)	SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)	VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for immediate availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (03/26/09tf/2)	NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. No pets. \$425 plus deposit. 348-2418. (-19-26-3-10/2)
HOUSE OR APARTMENT for rent. 348-3215. (-10-17/2)	SMALL 2 BEDROOM home in downtown Grayling. Remodeled inside, \$500 month includes water/sewer. 586-899-4405. (-10-17/2)	CABINS AT LOST ACRES Cabin #2, #3 & #5 from \$300 - \$475, including utilities, near Blue Gill Lake. No pets, 11010 N. Old 27, Mike at 231-590-3699 or Leo 877-227-6976. (12/10/09tf/2)	FOR RENT NEWLY RENOVATED 2 bedroom second story apartment. \$525 per month. To apply call 989-710-1194 or 989-370-2745. (11/05/09tf/2)	FOR RENT Newly refurbished 2 bedroom apartment located at 911 Elm Street, Grayling. \$475 per month plus deposit and utilities. Snow plowing and lawn care included in rent. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-12/8/09tf/2)
GREAT PRICED RENTAL 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$525 a month, utilities not included. Additional room could be 3rd bedroom. Will accept NEMSCA applicants. 239-313-8459. (-10/2)	FOR RENT 2 bedroom, 1 bath on three acres, \$650 plus deposit. 810-225-0395. (-3-10/2)	FOR RENT NICE 2 bedroom apartment, with garage located near the Grayling High School, \$650 per month, plus deposit, includes all utilities - heat, electric, water, snow plowing and lawn care. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-12/8/09tf/2)	FOR RENT 10 miles south of Grayling off Old 27. No pets. 989-821-6225. \$600 per month plus deposit and utilities. (12/03/09tf/2)	FOR RENT One bedroom house in town \$450 a month plus utilities. No pets, plus deposit. 348-8479. (-10/2)
FOR RENT LARGE 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, attached 2 1/2 car garage home south of Grayling with fireplace. This is an exceptional rental with many extras and very clean. Will consider pet. References and security deposit. 989-329-4826. (-10-17/2)	FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 2 bath on three acres, \$650 plus deposit. 810-225-0395. (-3-10/2)	FOR RENT NICE 2 bedroom, bath and a half \$500, \$500 deposit. Available Jan. 1. AuSable Rentals 348-2466. (12/1/09tf/2)	FOR RENT STUDIO APARTMENT \$375 a month includes heat, electric, cable TV, snowplowing and garbage pickup. \$200 security deposit, no pets. 989-348-2137. (-3-10/2)	FOR RENT STUDIO 3 bath log home on East Branch, 563-370-5104. (-3-10-17-24-31/2)
WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777.	Northern Lakes COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH Is seeking individuals to provide care for adults with developmental disabilities in a group home in Roscommon County. Rewarding work environment with staffing ratios of 1:3 or less. "Previous experience with behavioral health care services is a plus." Starting wage is \$7.40/hr, increase to \$9.94/hr after paid training. Applicants must have proof of high school diploma/certificate, reliable transportation, and a working home telephone. Must have acceptable driving and criminal record checks. Serious applicants only need apply. Apply in person at the Houghton Lake Office, 2715 S. Townline Road, Houghton Lake, MI 48629. EOE	3. Employment	3. Employment	3. Employment
Grayling Pines Apartments Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777.	MERCY HOME CARE MERCY HOSPICE Occupational Therapist ~ Full Time Grayling Candidate will have a current license, credentials, references, and reliable transportation. Join a team where you are recognized and valued for your exceptional patient care utilizing your excellent one and one care. Must have the ability to act upon client needs without direct supervision. Willing to travel in our geographic region. Minimum of one year experience in rehabilitation and chronic disabilities, preferably in a clinic setting. Competitive wages, 403 B pension plan and PTO. For immediate consideration please contact Brenda Lake, Business and Facility Manager. 324 Meadows Drive, Grayling, Michigan 49738 Email: lakeb@trinity-health.org 989-344-4402 Direct 989-348-4380 FAX Mercy Home Care & Hospice is committed to the Mission and Values as set forth by Trinity Health. Mercy Home Care and Mercy Hospice is committed to achieving workforce diversity and is an equal opportunity employer.	West Branch Regional Medical Center currently has a Part Time opening for an Exercise Physiologist. Candidates need to possess a Bachelor's of Science in Exercise Science with specialized education or certification in cardiovascular clinical area and twenty-four (24) months recent and relevant experience. Interested and qualified candidates can submit a resume to the West Branch Regional Medical Center, 2463 S. M-30, West Branch, Michigan 48661 Attn: Human Resources Dept 1; fax a resume to 989.343.3651 or 989.343.9459 (8:00am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday), or email a resume to either twebber@wbrmc.org or jnorton@wbrmc.org . Visit our website at www.wbrmc.org .	West Branch Regional Medical Center currently has two (2) Full Time openings for a Medical Laboratory Technician /Medical Technologist. One opening is for an 8:00pm - 6:30am shift and the other is a 2:00pm - 12:30am shift. Candidates need to possess either an Associate's degree (A. A.) or equivalent from a two-year college or technical school with current registration from an accredited clinical laboratory certifying agency or a Bachelor's of Science in Medical Technology or related field with ASCP registry or equivalent from an accredited clinical laboratory certifying agency. Interested and qualified candidates can submit a resume to the West Branch Regional Medical Center, 2463 S. M-30, West Branch, Michigan 48661 Attn: Human Resources Dept 2; fax a resume to 989.343.3651 or 989.343.9459 (8:00am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday), or email a resume to either twebber@wbrmc.org or jnorton@wbrmc.org . Visit our website at www.wbrmc.org .	2-3 BEDROOM HOUSE for rent 9 miles out of town, \$530 monthly plus security deposit. 348-6649. (-10-17/2)
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